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To: All Municipalities, Towns, Political Subdivisions, and Counties
who have adopted the State Building Code

From: Office of the State Fire Marshal

RE: Title 87, Series 4, State Building Code

Date: July 13, 2020

The following changes were made to Title 87 – Series 4 and adopted by the legislature which will take effect on August 1, 2020. The following language will be considered for revision during the upcoming Legislative Rule Making Process:

4.1.j.l. Omit reference to International Fire Code and substitute NFPA Life Safety Code 2015~~8~~ edition.

4.1.k. The 2017 edition of the National Electric Code, NFPA 70.

4.1.k.1. For renovations in one- and two-family homes where no new square footage is involved, arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) protection shall not be required, except for in bedrooms. For renovation in one- and two-family homes where square footage is added but no electrical service is installed, arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) protection shall not be required.

The final entry in the code reads:
§87-4-8.

8.1. All building codes previously adopted by local jurisdictions are null and void.

Therefore, any and all jurisdictions who wish to have a recognized and adopted State Building Code will be required to adopt the new version by August 1, 2020. Please send a copy of any new adoption ordinances reflecting such action to our office for filing after such action is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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